

**REMARKS**

In the Official Action dated August 13, 2002, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement between two groups: group I comprising claims 1-18 drawn to a method and apparatus for processing mail, classified in class 705, subclass 407; and group II comprising claims 19-28 drawn to an apparatus and method for processing mail which monitors and controls the angle that the mail forms with the feeder.

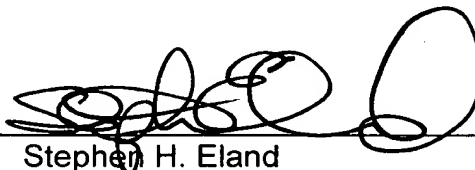
Applicants elect the group I, which includes claims 1-18.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant believes that this application is in form for substantive examination. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney if the Examiner believes that issues remain regarding examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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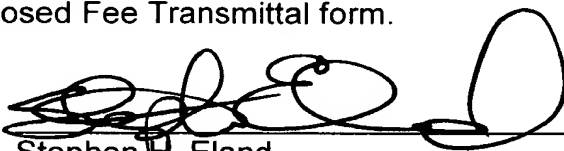
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**Petition for Extension Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)**

Applicant's undersigned Attorney hereby petitions for an extension of time of **ONE** month beyond the time period set in the last office communication. The proper fee is enclosed as identified in the enclosed Fee Transmittal form.

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